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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications

SUBJECT: Interim Report on Recommendations Concerning USSR Nonscientific Exploitation

The Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications having completed its examination of the first item on its agenda, viz. the existing facilities and the needs of the IAC agencies for the exploitation of USSR nonscientific publications presents its recommendations on such exploitation as follows:

1. In view of the fact that the Intelligence Advisory Committee agencies are in need of more information from Soviet published sources than can be supplied by existing facilities, the Subcommittee finds that there should be an augmentation of common service and specialized exploitation efforts performed in conjunction with other intelligence operations, in order to meet this need.

2. In accordance with NSCID 16 paragraph 3, FBD/CIA be directed to insure the coordination of foreign language exploitation activities including:

a. Periodically evaluating and reporting on the adequacy of the coverage and the existence of any duplication in these activities (both governmental and nongovernmental) including attention to changes due to the initiation or cessation of any exploitation activity.

b. Initiating whatever action is necessary or possible to resolve the deficiencies revealed in these reports.

c. Continuing the monitoring of translation activities and publication of the Consolidated Translation Survey.

3. In accordance with NSCID-16, paragraph 2a, FBD/CIA should provide as a primary responsibility the following as a result of its exploitation service or as a result of its coordination responsibilities for each of the agencies listed:

a. For the Department of State: Semiannual collations of pertinent political, economic and sociological information available in current Soviet publications on the basis of specific requirements to be served on FBD by the Department.

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b. For the Departments of the Army and Navy: Exploitation of Soviet newspapers should be given priority, with the emphasis placed on military, provincial, and national publications in that order. Order of battle information (military personalities, unit or headquarter locations, etc.) and information of current military interest from Soviet publications should be reported on a continuing basis in monthly compilations. In addition, spot reports covering militarily significant items such as the Anniversary of the Soviet Army, May Day, Day of the Soviet Fleet, Day of the Soviet Air Force, Tank Day, Artillery Day, and the Anniversary of the October Revolution should also be prepared as compilations. Other military and economic information of interest to Army should be included in a quarterly collation.

c. For the Department of the Air Force: Periodic collations of air (including biographic) information from current Soviet publications on a quarterly and monthly basis in answer to specific requirements to be served on FDD.

d. For CIA

(1) In order to cover those Soviet publications not presently being exploited, the production of such reference aids as bibliographic annotations of Soviet monographs, tables of contents and/or abstracts of selected Soviet periodicals and newspapers. (The aforementioned research aids are illustrative and not limiting. Additional research aids may be suggested from time to time and the value thereof assessed through a coordinated effort initiated by FDD.)

(2) The exploitation of Soviet publications in support of specific projects initiated by intelligence and planning components of CIA (RD/I and RD/P) to provide economic, geographic and other information.

(3) The continuous exploitation of Soviet publications to provide raw biographic information in suitable form on nonmilitary Soviet officials.

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